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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my opinion that the settlement reached last November between Microsoft and the Department of Justice be implemented without further delay. Though, I think that the federal government's actions against Microsoft during the last three years were unnecessary. I nevertheless think that the best course of action at this point is simply to impose this settlement. The IT community has been struggling enough and needs no further government meddling.

Microsoft has not gotten off easy in this settlement. The settlement imposes a broad series of restrictions and obligations on Microsoft, which are focused on reducing anti-competitive behaviors. I believe it is adequate to accomplish this task. Furthermore, a Technical Committee is slated to oversee Microsoft's compliance to these measures. Thus, the federal government has accomplished what it intended to do with its case three years ago. There is no need to waste time and money with tedious and wasteful litigation on this matter will prove harmful to everyone, including the consumer.

It is time that the government allow Microsoft, and the rest of industry get back to work, try to make a profit and get the stock market back where it belongs.

If you really want to prosecute someone, go after Enron and their accountants.

Sincerely,

  
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